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Title: Need to save the ancient temples of old Bhubaneshwar from water logging.

DR. PRABHAS KUMAR SINGH (BARGARH): Hon. Speaker, thank you very much for giving me this opportunity. This is my first speech in this House. First of all, I would like to thank my hon. Chief Minister and also the voters of my constituency.

Madam, Odisha is famous for its temples, especially Bhubneswar. It is known as the `Temple City' of India. Once upon a time there were a thousand temples but now it is limited to some 100 which are in a very dangerous condition. Especially during the rainy season most of the temples are inundated by rain water and causes a lot of hazards not only to these monuments but also to the visitors.

Madam, through you I would like to request the Government to take necessary steps for the preservation of these monuments so that the rich heritage of our country can be preserved for posterity.